



# Statewide Coordinating Council for Public Health District Coordinating Council<sup>1</sup> Update

**District: Central**

**Date: 6/24/2010**

**Brief review of decisions and outcomes from DCC meetings held since last SCC meeting**

Our April 22 District Coordinating Council (DCC) meeting was held to start to develop our District Public Health Improvement Plan. Forty people attended, with many new participants from several new sectors and areas. At the DCC meeting, we reviewed the District Performance Report results, the Local Public Health System Assessment results, and identified priority essential public health services for further district action. We also identified important sectors to involve in the District Public Health Improvement Plan, and next steps for the July DCC meeting.

**Ongoing or upcoming projects or priority issues:**

Continued work to develop the District Public Health Improvement Plan; Executive Committee and general membership recruitment and orientation; refining DCC committee organization and structure; implementation of the 2010 work plan; fall vaccination planning; substance abuse prevention planning.

**Status of Local Public Health System Assessment (LPHSA):**

The LPHSA is complete, and three top priority essential public health services were identified at the last DCC meeting on April 22. The Central District still needs to 1) examine recommended next steps and articulate them in greater detail 2) prioritize which next steps will be completed during the coming months and 3) determine who is responsible for carrying them out.

**Organizations represented at meeting(s):**

AOS 92, Concentra; Crisis & Counseling; Greater Somerset Public Health Collaborative; Greater Waterville PATCH; Healthy Communities of the Capital Area, HealthReach Community Health Centers; Maine CDC Infectious Disease Epidemiology; Inland Hospital; Maine CDC Office of Local Public Health; Maine CDC Public Health Nursing; MaineGeneral Prevention Center; Maine School Administrative District 48; NE Maine Regional Resource Center; New Horizons Health Care; Redington-Fairview Hospital; Sebasticook Valley Healthy Communities Coalition; Skowhegan Family Medicine; Somerset Emergency Management Agency; State of Maine Employee Health and Benefits; Togus VA Medical Center; United Way of Mid-Maine; Waterville/Winslow Fire Department

**In-district or multi-district collaborations:**

Local Health Officer certification training with Health Communities of the Capital Area on May 5th. Review of MAPP toolkit and upcoming Community Health Improvement Planning check-ins.

**Issues or topics to be addressed by SCC:**

District Public Health Improvement Planning guidance; District input into the State Health Plan; Communication between the DCC and the SCC; Incorporation of comments on the District Prevention Quality Indicator Report from the State Health Plan Forum.

**Other district issues (external to the DCC) that impact public health**

We are working with the Public Health Unit to update community health assessments for the District, and are developing additional Local Health Officer training workshops in the District.